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## NEWS AND COMMENT.

The Farmers' Institute of Hickman County will meet at Centreville, March 2.

A big natural gas well is ablaze near Cameron, W. Va., sending a flame two hundred feet high. It is estimated that the well is discharging 50,000,000 feet a day.

GEN. JOE WHEELER declares emphatically that he is out of politics, and that he will not make the race for Congress to succeed Judge Richardson, the present incumbent.

MRS. WILDMAN, who is reported to have been lost with her husband, Consul-General Wildman, in the steamship disaster outside the Golden Gate, was a Miss Aldrich and granddaughter of ex-Senator Foote, of Mississippi.

The Chicago Anti-Cigarette League has taken the initiative in the formation of a national organization by which it is hoped that prohibitive bills now pending before many of the State legislatures may be aided to final passage.

JOHN W. FORBES, brother of W. G. Forbes, the man who lighted the fire to burn the negro, Alexander, at Leavenworth, Kas., has married a negress in that city. Forbes is a resident of Shelbyville, Tenn., and is said to be a wealthy landowner.

THE Fifty-sixth Congress, now drawing to a close, has witnessed the establishment of government for Porto Rico and Hawaii, the increase of the standing army to 100,000 men, the re-apportionment of Congress and the permanent establishment of the gold standard. Appropriations reach \$1,457,269,457, or only \$110,000,000 less than the appropriations of the war Congress. Among the matters that lapse are the Ship Subsidy Bill, the Nicaragua Canal Bill, the Pacific Cable Bill, the Oleomargarine Bill and possibly the War Revenue Reduction Bill.

EDWIN H. CONGER, minister of the United States to China, will immediately return to his native land on leave of absence. The strong probability is that he will not resume his diplomatic post in Peking. His successor is W. W. Rockhill, director of the bureau of American republics and special commissioner in China, who has acted as Mr. Conger's adviser throughout the negotiations. It is understood that Conger has a bee buzzing in his bonnet, and that he may enter the race for Governor of Iowa.

**PERUNA**  
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HALF  
ACTUAL  
SIZE.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, Of Tuskegee, Ala., writes: "I have never taken any medicine that has improved me as much as Peruna. For catarrh it is certainly a blessing."

**PERUNA**  
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COUGHS  
SORE-THROAT  
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CROUP  
HOARSENESS

CHIEF JUSTICE CHAMBERS, OF SAMOA, Says: "I can recommend Peruna as one of the very best remedies for catarrh. I recommend Peruna to all sufferers."

## FIRE WITH FATAL EFFECT.

Constable Vaughn Killed at Mt. Pleasant.

SAM MASSEY PLACED IN JAIL.

Charged With the Killing—Conflicting Statements in Regard to the Matter—Both Sides of the Question.

Walter Vaughn, constable in the Thirteenth district, is dead, and Sam Massey, a white man, is in jail at this place, charged with the killing.

The difficulty between the two men occurred Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock in Rosenthal's saloon at Mt. Pleasant. As usual in such cases, there are a number of conflicting reports. The one, however, that seems to be most generally credited at Mt. Pleasant is that Massey was the aggressor in the difficulty, and that the shooting was unprovoked.

Massey, it is said, made an attack upon Vaughn, who drew his pistol in self-defense. Then, so the story goes, while Vaughn had his back turned, Massey sprang upon him, wrenched the pistol from his hand and fired, the bullet entering in the back of Vaughn's neck and ranging upwards into the brain. Vaughn died at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Several hours previous to the killing the men are said to have met in Rosenthal's saloon, where they came near having a difficulty. They separated, however, and it was thought that the matter would be allowed to blow over.

Soon after the shooting Massey was arrested and placed in the city lockup, but it was thought better to remove him to safer quarters. About 9 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Harder brought him to Columbia and gave him a cell in the county jail.

Immediately after the killing much excitement prevailed in Mt. Pleasant, and there was some talk of lynching. This, however, soon blew over, although there is still a good deal of feeling against Massey.

Vaughn was the son of Mr. C. C. Vaughn of this county; he was unmarried and in the twenty-eighth year of his age. He was well thought of, and it is said that he was not of a quarrelsome nature.

Massey is about twenty-five years of age, and is the son of Bill Massey, who lives at Friersontown, about a mile from Mt. Pleasant. He bears rather a bad reputation, and is said to be a desperate character.

Vaughn's Dying Declaration.

After he was shot, Mr. Vaughn stated in the presence and hearing of several witnesses, that Massey did the shooting; and this statement is confirmed by the bar tender, who witnessed the shooting, and also by the fact that officers Friel and Russell when they arrived upon the scene, found the pistol in Massey's possession and took it from him.

The Herald representative is also reliably informed that Massey was arrested and under indictment in Giles county before going to Mt. Pleasant, charged either with murder or assault to commit murder, but was not convicted; and that while in confinement he broke jail twice, showing himself rather an expert at the business.

Boggan's Statement.

R. L. Boggan, bar-tender at Rosenthal's saloon, was an eye-witness to the killing, and in conversation with a Herald representative at Mt. Pleasant to-day, made the following statement:

About four o'clock in the afternoon Massey and Vaughn met in the saloon. The former addressed the latter, using a vile epithet. Thereupon a scrap ensued, with the result that Vaughn pulled his gun and hit at Massey with the weapon. The force of the blow caused the pistol to fall to the floor, and Officer Russell picked it up. Russell then induced Massey to leave the saloon, and Vaughn went away voluntarily, both going in different directions.

About half an hour afterwards Vaughn returned to Rosenthal's and ordered a glass of beer. While he was standing at the bar Massey and a companion entered the room. His companion took a position behind Vaughn, and Massey placed himself in front of him. Massey then grasped Vaughn's arm and pulled him through a side-door into the back-yard. Boggan immediately afterwards heard Massey curse Vaughn in very strong language, and went to the door and asked the men to come inside and stop their row. When Boggan opened the door he saw Vaughn standing with his right hand in his hip pocket. Suddenly Massey grasped Vaughn's arm and jerked the pistol out of his pocket. He then wrested the pistol out of Vaughn's hand, and at this juncture Boggan caught hold of Massey to prevent him from doing any harm, and Vaughn turned to run. While Boggan had hold of him, Massey raised the pistol and fired at Vaughn, with the result as above mentioned.

Boggan continued to hold Massey, who, however, managed to pull himself through the doorway, over the prostrate form of Vaughn, and into the store. Massey tried to get loose, but Boggan succeeded in holding him until the arrival of officers Friel and Russell, who found Massey still grasping the pistol, and took it away from him.

Massey's Statement.

Massey was seen in his cell Tuesday by a Herald reporter, and asked if he had any statement to make to the public. He seemed very willing to talk, saying that he wished the people to know the facts in regard to the matter. Massey's statement of the affair dif-

fers a great deal from the other reports. He says that he was not responsible for the killing at all, and that the fatal shot was fired by Boggan, the bartender at Rosenthal's, and that it was fired accidentally.

Massey says that previous to the shooting he and Vaughn had met in Rosenthal's saloon. They had always been friends, he said, but on this occasion Vaughn was under the influence of whiskey, and seemed disposed to pick a quarrel. He begged Vaughn to go away, saying that he did not want to have a difficulty with him. Vaughn then pulled his pistol, but Massey jerked it from his hand and gave it to Policeman Russell, who was in the saloon at the time.

He and Vaughn then separated, Massey going out of the saloon in company with several other boys. About five o'clock in the afternoon he again went to Rosenthal's saloon and found Vaughn there, although he did not know that he was there, nor had he any desire to see him.

Massey says that Vaughn again tried to force a difficulty, and that he begged him to desist. Vaughn, however, pulled his pistol, and he (Massey) grabbed it. In the scuffle that ensued, he and Vaughn forced themselves outside the door of the saloon, and the bartender, Boggan, then interfered and tried to separate them. Boggan then grabbed the pistol away from them, and Vaughn turned to re-enter the saloon. He (Massey) followed him, still begging him not to carry the matter any further. Boggan followed Massey, and just as Vaughn got inside the saloon, Boggan placed his hand in which he held the pistol upon Massey's shoulder, and in some manner the weapon was accidentally discharged. He did not know that the shot had taken effect until a negro rushed out and said that Vaughn had been shot.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Appropriately Celebrated by the Columbia High School.

The birthday of the Father of His Country was appropriately celebrated Friday afternoon from one to two, by the pupils of the Columbia High School, under the direction of Misses Carpenter and Bennett, in the Athenaeum Study Hall. Quite a large number of visitors were present, and the exercises were highly appreciated.

The force the "Snow Cap Sisters" was particularly enjoyed, the characters being well represented.

A noticeable body of visitors was the primary class from the Institute, under Mrs. Hine, with their red, white and blue caps and tiny flags. They seemed an embodiment of the patriotic spirit of the day. Prof. Seabey's pupils were also present by invitation.

The programme was as follows:  
Song by School—"Star spangled Banner"

Tributes to Washington—Lawrence Parker, Barnett Hine, Fannie Cowley, Irene Smith, Rachel Ashton, Amy Preston, Annette Webb.

Essay—"George Washington"—Paul Gault.

Reading—"Independence Bill"—Ada Mitchell.

Reading—"Washington"—Lyn Merrifield.

Solo—"Flower of Liberty"—Cassie Friel.

Essay—"Martha Washington"—Kate Scott.

Declamation—Theodore England.

Instrumental Solo—Russell Thompson.

Reading—"Tis Splendid to Live so Grandly"—Louise Hays.

Oration—"Two Spies, Andrew and Hale"—Russell Thompson.

Oration—"The Sword of Washington, the Staff of Franklin"—Jessie Rainey.

Song by School—"America."

Farce—"Snow Cap Sisters."

PULLED DOWN THE TOLL-GATE.

Charley and Jim Morgan Arrested and Placed Under Bond.

Charley and Jim Morgan were arrested Saturday and placed under bond, charged with pulling down the first toll gate on the Pulaski pike. A Herald reporter had an interview with Mr. Horace Rainey, the owner of the pike, who gave the following statement in regard to the matter:

The Morgan boys have a large contract for hauling phosphate to Columbia, and have had to pass through this gate and pay toll. As they run a number of wagons, the toll fees amount to a considerable expense, and for this reason, it is alleged, they became dissatisfied and incensed. Saturday they congregated about twenty wagons at the gate, thereby blocking the pike, and refused to move until the gate-keeper would let them through without paying toll. This the keeper refused to do, and thereupon the men hitched a team to the gate, pulled it down and dragged it away, and then passed through with their wagons.

TRUNKS BROKEN OPEN.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby" Company Suffers at the Hands of Thieves.

Wednesday night, of last week, after the performance given by the "Uncle Josh Spruceby" Company at the Opera House, several trunks belonging to the company were broken open and clothing and other property to the amount of \$50 or \$60 stolen. There is a mystery about the robbery, and, while the police have several parties under suspicion, no definite clue as to the identity of the guilty person has been discovered. After the performance the trunks were left in the dressing room beneath the stage, as the troupe was not to leave town until the next morning. It is presumed that the thief was in the house during the performance, and remained after the crowd dispersed. The trunks were completely ransacked, and many valuable articles were left untouched, while property of a less valuable nature was taken.

## OF INTEREST TO MAURY COUNTY.

Favorable Reports on Bill Involving Old War Claims

Of Ex-Confederate Soldiers—Bill Has Passed the House and Now Goes to the Senate.

A recent dispatch from Washington says:

"Senator Bate, of Tennessee, this morning favorably reported from the Military Affairs Committee a bill for the relief of various persons for property taken from them by the military forces of the United States. Under the terms of the surrender at Appomattox, Va., the artillery and cavalry officers and men were permitted to retain their horses. In many cases the Federal soldiers took these from them. The bill directs the Quartermaster General to adopt rules and such instructions as may be necessary to learn the amount of property taken, and if sufficient proof is furnished to issue his voucher to the soldier, or if deceased, his wife or children. The bill has been passed by the House and is expected to be acted upon favorably by the Senate. It is estimated that it will cost the Government about \$200,000, \$40,000 of which will go to citizens of Kentucky and \$60,000 to Tennessee."

This bill, if favorably acted upon by the Senate, will be of great benefit to a number of ex-Confederates, or their wives and children, in Maury county.

A good many soldiers belonging to the First Tennessee and the Ninth Battalion, who had their horses and other property taken away from them at Strawberry Plains, after having surrendered, were from Maury county; and Capt. A. A. Lipscomb's Company G, 9th Battalion, was composed entirely of Maury countians.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Fifth Annual State Convention Meets Here in April.

The fifth annual State Convention of King's Daughters will meet in Columbia in April. This body held its last meeting at Franklin in April, 1900, at which time the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. P. Woldridge, State Secretary; Mrs. N. B. Sheppard, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. E. Erwin, Treasurer—all of Columbia.

The Executive Board is composed of Mrs. J. M. Pullin, of Pulaski; Mrs. Mary Cliffe, of Franklin; Mrs. O. C. Owen, Mrs. H. P. Figuers and Miss Pearl Provine, of Columbia.

Efforts will be made to make this meeting a most pleasurable and profitable one.

THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE

A New Depot, or Know the Reason Why.

The Paris, Tenn., "Parisian" has taken on hand a flat to have a cent depot and accommodation furnished to travellers at Paris. The Parisian says:

"Judge Holding, presiding over the Maury County Circuit Court, caused something of a stir recently by the following order:

"It appearing to the court that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company has violated sections 3065 and 3066 of Shannon's Code of Tennessee in that it has failed to provide in the town of Columbia, a town containing 6,000 inhabitants, a waiting room amply commodious to accommodate the traveling public, and to supply same with comfortable seats and with ample heating facilities, and in failing to keep same clean and respectable; it is therefore ordered that an indictment for said offense be filed against said Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. And it is further ordered that Frank Boyd, the Attorney-General of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, prosecute the same ex officio."

"It is a safe prophecy that the good people of Columbia will have a new depot. If Paris had a Judge Holding to doubt the N. & N. L. eyesore would give place to a lawful depot. The Parisian is not done with its fight for the removal of this disgraceful and edifying old shack and the building of an ample and decent depot. We mean to hammer away at it until those who have the execution of the law in their hands will do their duty from sheer weariness of our persistence, if necessary. We expect the Railroad Commission to help us. In doing so they will have the support of all our people here. The Paris Press has joined in the fight, as shown by its editorial of last week, which we commend to our readers. We are going to have a new depot or know the reason why."

"This certainly is a case in which it would appear that the press and the people should be entitled to the help of the Railroad Commissioners. That would appear to be the reason of their existence. The commissioners have claimed that they act at once on every complaint filed with them. They also claim, and we think correctly, that they can only know of wrongs to be righted through the complaints filed with them by the citizens. It is evident that in the case of the Paris depot the first move of the citizens should be to file a complaint with the commissioners stating the specific grievance and the remedy which they desire. Then we shall begin to see whether the commissioners are of real value to the public or not."—Pole's Weekly.

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## \$2,400 WAS RAISED

By the Whiskey Men to Defeat the Four-Mile Extension Law.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 21.—The Legislative Committee investigating the bribery charges struck some "pay dirt" to-day, but the yield may not "pan out" much. It ascertained from J. E. Bingleman, manager of Charles Nelson's whiskey house, that the wholesale men raised \$2,400 with which to defeat the Peel-r Liquor Bill; that Memphis contributed \$500, Knoxville \$400, Chattanooga \$400 and Nashville \$300. Fred Wakeman, of Sparta, also contributed \$250 or \$300. No retail dealer contributed a cent.

The money from Memphis was turned over to Brengleman, so he said, by ex-Senator Thomas B. Caldwell, of that city.

Mr. Brengleman said that not a cent was used corruptly, but that \$400 was paid to Ernest Pillow, of Nashville, for his opinion as to the constitutionality of the bill.

## IGNORED HER LETTER.

Mrs. Nation Uses Strong Language Toward Judge Hazen.

TOPEKA, KAN., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, tiring of jail life, has written Judge Hazen a letter demanding release.

"I want you to quit your fooling," she writes, "and let me out of here. If you cause me to miss my engagements I won't feel like a ministering angel unto you. It is time for you to recover yourself before the devil, your master, makes a clean sweep with your into hell."

"You know you are persecuting one of God's chosen who loves you for Jesus' sake. Let me out, that I may go about my business of saving such poor devils as you. Write or come to see me right off."

Judge Hazen has ignored the letter, placing it in the waste basket.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE.

A Formal Call Has Been Issued by President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The president to-day issued a proclamation calling a special session of the senate for executive business immediately upon the dissolution of the present congress, March 4. In his message the Chief Executive says: "Public interests require that the Senate of the United States be convened to receive such communications as may be made by the executive."

## SPRING HILL ELECTION.

Ticket Headed by John S. Odell Elected Without Opposition.

SPRING HILL, TENN., Feb. 23.—An election was held here to-day for city officers under the new charter, to serve for the ensuing two years. The following ticket had no opposition and was elected by a full vote: Mayor, John S. Odell; Magistrate, John M. Davis; Aldermen—F. Rush Odell, First Ward; D. E. Molloy, Second Ward; W. N. Butler, Third Ward; M. L. Neilums, Fourth Ward.

Hot-breads, biscuit, cake, rolls, muffins, crusts, puddings, and the various pastries requiring a leavening or raising agent.

## NELLY GRAY.

There's a low, green valley on the old Kentucky shore,  
Where I've whiled many happy hours away.  
A sitting and a-singing by the little cottage door  
Where lived my darling Nelly Gray.

CHORUS.  
Oh, my poor Nelly Gray, they have taken you away,  
And I'll never see my darling any more;  
I'm sitting by the river and I'm weeping all the day,  
For you've gone from the old Kentucky shore.

When the moon had climbed the mountain, and the stars were shining, too,  
Then I'd take my darling Nelly Gray,  
And we'd float down the river in the little red canoe,  
While my banjo sweetly I would play.

One night I went to see her, but she's gone, the neighbors say;  
The white man had bound her with his chain;  
They have taken her to Georgia, there to wear her life away  
As she toils in the cotton and the cane.

My canoe is under water and my banjo is unstrung;  
I'm tired of living any more;  
My eyes they shall look downward, and my song shall be unsung  
While I stay on old Kentucky shore.

My eyes are getting blinded, and I cannot see my way,  
Hark! there's somebody knocking at the door,  
Oh, I hear the angels calling, and I see my Nelly Gray!  
Farewell to the old Kentucky shore.

Oh, my darling Nelly Gray, up in heaven there, they say  
That they'll never take you from me any more.

I am coming, coming, coming, as the angels clear the way,  
Farewell to the old Kentucky shore.

## MISS CYNTHIA CANNON.

Franklin Young Lady Appointed Tennessee's Sponsor.

FRANKLIN, Tenn., Feb. 22.—Miss Cynthia Cannon has been appointed by Gen. G. W. Gordon, Major General of the Tennessee Division of the United Confederate Veterans, sponsor for Tennessee at the Memphis reunion. Miss Cannon is a daughter of Newton Cannon, a gallant ex-Confederate, and is a beautiful, accomplished and popular young lady. In addition to her many personal gifts and graces, Miss Cannon was literally born and educated on the famous battlefield of Franklin.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

Jury Awards Lem Long Damages to the Amount of \$1,000.

The jury in the case of Lem Long vs. the Tennessee Phosphate Company, Tuesday returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff damages to the amount of \$1,000. This was quite an interesting case the plaintiff claiming that the water on his place had been damaged by the defendant company.